



# 2007 FAPD Program Updates

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# Topics

- Opening Remarks
- ProTracts
- Conservation Innovation Grants (CIG)
- Conservation Security Program (CSP)
- Environment Quality Incentive Program (EQIP)
- Questions and Answers

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# ProTracts Discussion

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ProTracts Discussion

# Allocate and Reallocate Funds

## Allocate State Funds

Program Funds					
		<a href="#">Add Sub Account</a>	<a href="#">Delete Sub Account</a>	<a href="#">Add Other Locations</a>	<a href="#">Select Locations</a>
		<a href="#">Release Funds</a>	<a href="#">Export</a>	<a href="#">Save Draft</a>	
Program:	VHP	Fiscal Year:	2007	State:	VA
State Distribution: \$691,176.44				National Accounts: 2	
Account	Amount	Fund Code	Balance	Status	
1 VHP FA	\$590,562.00	75F 55	\$590,562.00	Released	
Declining Species	\$0.00	75F 55 DS	\$0.00	Released	
Karner Blue Butterfly	\$0.00	75F 55 KB	\$0.00	Released	
Special Projects	\$0.00	75F 55 SP	\$0.00	Released	
WTCAC	\$0.00	75F 55 WT	\$0.00	Released	
2 VHP TA	\$100,614.44	75T 55	\$100,614.44	Draft	

## View Funds

Funds							
		<a href="#">Export</a>		<a href="#">View</a>			
Program:	VHP	Fiscal Year:	2007				
Fund Code	Account Name	Allocated	Contract Approval	Obligated	Unobligated	Payment	Contracts
[-]		\$590,562.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$590,562.00	\$0.00	0
[+] 75F	VHP FA	\$41,581,275.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$41,581,275.00	\$0.00	0
[+] Sub Funds		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0
[+] Declining Species		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0
[+] Karner Blue Butterfly		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0
[+] Special Projects		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0
[+] WTCAC		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0

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Allocate and Reallocate Funds



## ProTracts Training Data

- When is a suitable time to update the Training Data with a copy of Production data?
- Are you done with testing of ranking tools?

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ProTracts Training Data



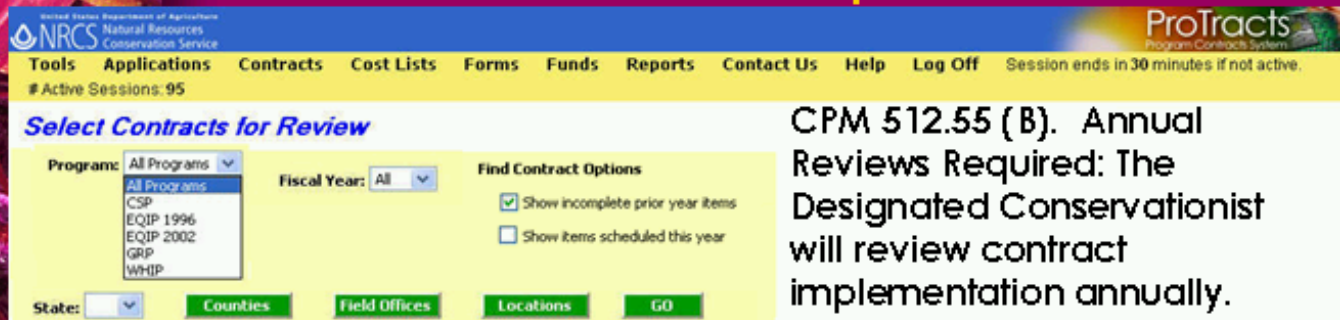
## NRCS-CPA-1202

- **New NRCS-CPA-1202 may be printed when application status is:**  
**Eligible    Pre-Approved    Approved**
- **MUST** have uploaded Toolkit items with all items set to planned by rule check to calculate appropriate contract obligation amounts (estimated cost is not acceptable for generating CPA-1202).
- **MUST** have Expiration Date entered.
- **MUST** have Vendor Information complete to be "Approved".

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NRCS-CPA-1202

## Contract Reviews: Proposed Phase I



United States Department of Agriculture  
NRCS Natural Resources Conservation Service

Tools Applications Contracts Cost Lists Forms Funds Reports Contact Us Help Log Off Session ends in 30 minutes if not active.

# Active Sessions: 95

**Select Contracts for Review**

Program:  Fiscal Year:

Find Contract Options

☒ Show incomplete prior year items

☐ Show items scheduled this year

State:  Counties Field Offices Locations GO

CPM 512.55 (B). Annual Reviews Required: The Designated Conservationist will review contract implementation annually.

- If all practices are applied as scheduled and other contract provisions are being followed, this finding will be documented in the contract folder. Completion of Form NRCS-CPA-13 is not required for these contracts.
- If the provisions of the contract are not being followed, NRCS representatives will document those findings on Form NRCS-CPA-13





## LRF/R and BF Reviews

- Do state program managers need better tools to do 5% LRF/R and BF spot-checks?
- If Yes : should tools be in Manage Applications or Manage Contracts or both?

LRF/R and BF Reviews



## NRCS-CPA-1202

- Form CPA-1202 is 'frozen' when "Sign Contract" is completed and never edited or changed.
- Changes to contracts are made via modification and reflected on the NRCS-CPA-1156.
- Payment shares changes are made via a modification and will be reflected on the NRCS-CPA-152 Transfer Agreement (when it is deployed in ProTracts).

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NRCS-CPA-1202



## Prior Year Contracts

- Form CPA-1202 can not be printed since producer did not sign this document.
- Changes to ProTracts prevent populating the obsolete CCC-1200.
- CCC-1200 available in non-ProTracts formats only.

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Prior Year Contracts

**Data in the form is generated from the following items in the ProTracts application screen:**

Application		Applicant Info		Ranking		Delete Application		Print		Save	
Program: EQIP 2002		Location: DICKINSON		Application Number: 7462150700X							
Application FY: 2007		Applicant: J00000000000000000000X		Legal Description: Legal Description		Application Status: Eligible		Date: 11/17/2006			
Signup Date: 11/17/2006		Land Enrolled in Other Programs: <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No		FA Fund Code: 07 Livestock Waste							
Signup Number:		Land Ownership: Private		Application Priority: None							
Servicing Office: SERVICE CENTER		Applicant Certification of Land Control: Deed		Ranking Score: 30.00							
Planner: Troy James				Estimated Cost:							
Tracking Code:		Predominant Crop Type: Vegetables		Application Cost: \$5,650.00							
Resource Concern: Air Quality: Objectionable Odors Water Quality: Excessive Nutrients and Organics in Groundwater		Predominant Livestock Type: Other Livestock		Cost List: EQIP 200207-01 - Integration							
		Treated Acres: 12		Expiration Date: 9/30/2009							
		Land Irrigated 2 of last 5 years: <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No									

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NRCS-CPA-1202

## Signature Requirements: Applicant Info

**Participant Information - EQIP 2002 7462150700X - Microsoft Internet Explorer**

Buttons: Add Participant, Delete Participant, View Eligibility, Update Eligibility, Vendor Info, Save, Cancel

☐ **Name:** J00000000000000000000

**Address:** 1234 Main Street  
Our Town, MC

**Participant Applying As:** Individual

**Payment Share %:** 100.00

**Other Eligibility:** ☒ Yes ☐ No

**Telephone:** (789) 123-5678

**Farm Records:** Y

**Decision Maker:** ☒ Yes ☐ No

**Agricultural Producer:** ☐ Yes ☒ No

**Other Program Enrollment:** N **Other Programs**

**Limited Resource Farmer/Rancher:** ☐

**Beginning Farmer/Rancher:** ☐

**Signature Required for:** ☒ Modifications

**Signature Acceptable for:** ☒ Payments

**HEL/WC:** Y

**AGE:** N

**Vendor Code:** ☒

**Direct Deposit:** ☒

**Payment Limitations:** Y

**Note Selection Box**  
when Multiple  
participants are  
present.

**Each box must be checked at least once per contract (not necessarily per person) to generate the 1202.**

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### Signature Requirements: Applicant Info





## Support Bulletin Hierarchy 330-7-1

**Support to Local Users:** Questions, comments, and requests for training that originate from field users should be directed to State-designated support staff, and resolved at that level when possible.

**Support to State Users:** Questions, comments, and requests that have been raised by field users to the State-designated support staff and are unresolved, or those that originate at the State-level, should be directed through the State-designated contact, and transmitted to the appropriate national support desk, national program manager, software application sponsor, or national business tool contact, for resolution.

**Program Eligibility:** Questions on eligibility should first be routed to the appropriate State level program managers. If unresolved at the State level, the State-designated contact should transmit the question to the appropriate national program manager, with the FSA generated MABDIG report and the application or contract number in question. Only national program managers will elevate these requests to ITC support staff for resolution.

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Support Bulletin Hierarchy 330-7-1





## ProTracts Cost List Changes

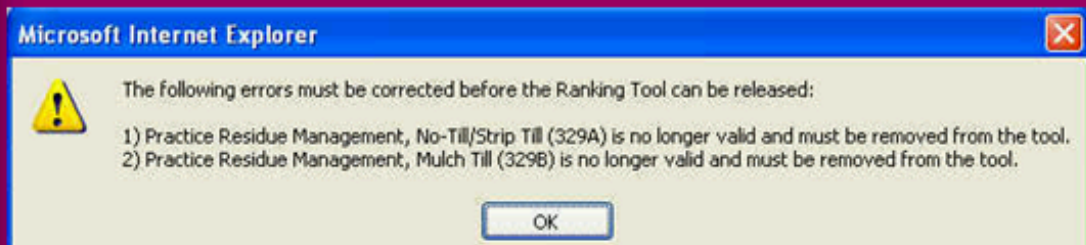
Only cost list changes that will be done at ProTracts support are the following:

- Add TA code 910, 911, 912
- Add CCIA or CCIB to 2006 cost lists
- Change zero unit costs

All other cost list changes must be approved by the director of FAPD and submitted with appropriate documentation and justification.

## Emerging AERT Issues

- o Business Rules have do not include External Practice Codes
- o Copying inactive codes into current year ranking tools (e.g. 329A, B or C)



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Emerging AERT Issues

## AERT Issues

CA	IA	OH
CO	MN	PA
DE	MI	RI
GA	NV	WI
HI	NH	WY
ID	NM	

- Will script to correct released tools
- Will script to correct ranking
- Will need guidance on replacement codes
- May need modifications to existing contracts

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AERT Issues



# Conservation Innovation Grants

## Cooperative Conservation Partnership Initiative

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**Tessa Chadwick**

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Conservation Innovation Grants   Cooperative Conservation Partnership  
Initiative \*\*\*\*\* ...



# Conservation Innovation Grants

FY 2007 National APF is available  
on CIG website and Grants.gov

The APF opened on December 4,  
2006 with submissions due in NHQ  
by COB February 2, 2007

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Conservation Innovation Grants





## Conservation Innovation Grants

Bulletins currently in the clearance process:

- ❖ State Component participation and STC letter of review
- ❖ Peer Review Process and call for reviewers for 2007 proposals

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Conservation Innovation Grants





## Cooperative Conservation Partnership Initiative

No decision yet on components  
and associated funding levels for  
the FY 2007 program

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Cooperative Conservation Partnership Initiative



# Conservation Security Program

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Conservation Security Program



# Conservation Security Program

## Question

In determining whether duplicate payments have occurred in the same year, is the critical point when the:

- practice/activity was applied, or
- practice/activity was certified for payment?

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Conservation Security Program



# Conservation Security Program

## Answer

Double dipping/duplicate payments means to make payment for the application of the same thing twice.

Critical point - when the practice/activity was applied.

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Conservation Security Program



# Conservation Security Program

## Office of Inspector General Review

Objective: Evaluate the adequacy of NRCS management controls over CSP to ensure program integrity.

- Initial review at the National Office, and at selected State, Area, and Field Offices.
- National Office entrance conference – 12/12/06

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Conservation Security Program



## Conservation Security Program

- State Wildlife Assessments needs to be cleared by the NTSC Wildlife Biologists.
- After concurrence, assessment will be considered approve. Please send a copy of the final assessment to CSP.
- No other action required.

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Conservation Security Program





# CSP ProTracts Discussion

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CSP ProTracts Discussion



## ProTracts - CSP

- Release Notes Build 2.9    December 6, 2006

### CSP:

- Changes were made to the Approve Modification process so that minor obligation differences found in prior years will no longer prevent the user from approving current modifications.

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ProTracts - CSP

Land Units	Date Completed	Practice Extent	Actual Unit Cost	Cost Share % Type	Amount Earned	Payment
	11/17/2006	77.9 Ac.	\$ 2.1000	100% FR	\$165.00	\$0.00*
	11/17/2006	77.9 Ac.	\$ 0.5250	100% FR	\$42.00	\$0.00*
1C	11/17/2006	61.6 ac	\$ 3.4800	100% FR	\$215.00	\$0.00*
1C	11/17/2006	61.6 ac	\$ 0.9000	100% FR	\$56.00	\$0.00*
1C	11/17/2006	41.7 ac	\$ 2.0000	100% FR	\$84.00	\$0.00*
1C	11/17/2006	61.6 ac	\$ 10.0082	100% FR	\$780.00	\$0.00*
1C			(\$ 4,819.0000)	100% FR		

**\$1,342.00**

proration, or for Continuing Resolution Limit. Annual Reduction is \$4,819.00

Total Payment:

CRL is calculated as the difference between 2006 and 2007 obligations, it is not item by item.

Until the Amount earned is greater than the CRL, the total payment will be \$0.

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Practice	Practice	Units	Planned	Applied	Applied Date	Certified	Payment	Approved
SP	Stewardship Payment	Ac.	77.9	77.9	11/17/2006	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Certify <input type="checkbox"/> Undo	\$165.00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approve <input type="checkbox"/> Undo
EPP	Existing Practice Payment	Ac.	77.9	77.9	11/17/2006	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Certify <input type="checkbox"/> Undo	\$42.00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approve <input type="checkbox"/> Undo
EEM	Enhancement - Energy Management	ac	1	1	12/12/2006	<input type="checkbox"/> Certify <input type="checkbox"/> Undo	\$0.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Approve <input type="checkbox"/> Undo
EGM	Enhancement - Grazing Management	ac	77.9	77.9	12/12/2006	<input type="checkbox"/> Certify <input type="checkbox"/> Undo	\$0.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Approve <input type="checkbox"/> Undo
EHM	Enhancement - Habitat Management	ac	61.6	61.6	12/12/2006	<input type="checkbox"/> Certify <input type="checkbox"/> Undo	\$0.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Approve <input type="checkbox"/> Undo
ENM	Enhancement - Nutrient Management	ac	77.9	77.9	12/12/2006	<input type="checkbox"/> Certify <input type="checkbox"/> Undo	\$0.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Approve <input type="checkbox"/> Undo
EPM	Enhancement - Pest Management	ac	77.9	77.9	12/12/2006	<input type="checkbox"/> Certify <input type="checkbox"/> Undo	\$0.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Approve <input type="checkbox"/> Undo
ESM	Enhancement - Soil Management	ac	61.6	61.6	11/17/2006	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Certify <input type="checkbox"/> Undo	\$215.00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approve <input type="checkbox"/> Undo
EAM	Enhancement - Air Resource Management	ac	1	1	12/12/2006	<input type="checkbox"/> Certify <input type="checkbox"/> Undo	\$0.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Approve <input type="checkbox"/> Undo

When all items are certified and approved, the Total Payment will be equal to the 2006 obligations.

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# Modification of Modification

- CRL Script will run again upon submit modification for approval
  - No modifications after payment process started
  - No modification to manipulate CRL

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Modification of Modification



# Processing Payments

- CPM 512.60 (F)
- Sequence of events:
  - Certification
  - Participant signature
  - NRCS Approval – electronic signature
  - Second Level Review to authorize payment in FFIS

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Processing Payments





## Payment Certification

- 1245's with \$0 still need to be certified, signed and approved
  - “performed in accordance with the practice specifications and other program requirements”
- However, does not create a FFIS transaction and does not require second level review and FFIS processing. This will not create a ProTracts/FFIS mismatch.

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Payment Certification



## NB 300-7-2 dated 10/23/06

- Annual Payments to be completed by February 1, 2007
- Still over 1,200 modifications pending approval
- “ The annual payment for the established conservation system is to include the stewardship payment, the existing practice payment and the established enhancement activities that have previously been applied and are a recurring part of the conservation system.”

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NB 300-7-2 dated 10/23/06



## CPM 512.61 Recurring Payments

- Recurring payments are for items that a participant is currently implementing and agrees to continue for the duration of the contract.

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CPM 512.61 Recurring Payments



## False Payment Applications

- CPM 512.72
- “Applications for cost-share payments on practices or components not carried out or that do not meet required specifications constitute false applications. . .”

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False Payment Applications



# Modification Procedures

- A. Completing CPC Modifications and Minor Contract Changes
- B. Approval of Contract Modifications

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## 512.51 Modification Procedures

### A. Completing CPC Modifications and Minor Contract Changes

All contract modifications and minor contract changes will be completed through the ProTracts modification module. After contract changes have been entered, Form NRCS-CPA-1156, "Revision of Plan or Schedule of Operations or Modification of a Contract," will be printed for signatures.

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## 512.51 Modification Procedures

### B. Approval of Contract Modifications

- (1) The participant and NRCS Approving Official will sign all contract modifications. Participant signatures on Forms NRCS-CPA-1156 or NRCS-CPA-152 must match those designated on Form NRCS-CPA-1202 contract.

The effective date of a contract modification is the date it is signed by the NRCS Approving Official.

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# EQIP Management Intensity Pilot Project

FAPD Net Conference  
Peggie James

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EQIP Management Intensity Pilot Project



## Financial Assistance Funds

- EQIP Contract Completions
- EQIP Contract Cancellations
- EQIP Contract Terminations

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Financial Assistance Funds



## Financial Assistance Funds Accumulate

- \$22 million in 2005 Contracts since 1/06
- \$70 million available from 1996 Farm Bill Contracts (FY 1997 through FY 2002)

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Financial Assistance Funds Accumulate





## Financial Assistance OPPORTUNITY

### USE FUNDS TO:

- Integrate management intensity into EQIP
- Enhance conservation systems funded by EQIP
- Gain additional environmental performance
- Move toward payments that fit green box strategy

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Financial Assistance OPPORTUNITY



## Strategy Highlights

Focused list of distinct treatments aimed at taking the current contract holder to a higher level of management

- Indisputable environmental benefits

- Increased level of management may be the result of improved technology that wasn't available at the time the contract was written

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Strategy Highlights



## Distinct Treatments Offered Will Be Streamlined

- Modify measures into existing EQIP contracts

- Treatment offered is within the scope of the original contract ~ no ranking will be required

- Completed contracts will have the option to add the treatment as long as the practice is completed within the 10 year contract limit (1997 and 1998 contracts will be ineligible)

- Need for private/public sector to champion these practices

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Distinct Treatments Offered Will Be Streamlined



## Strategy Highlights

Distinct Treatments will be offered as Incentive Payments only

States cannot modify the treatment criteria or the incentive amounts

Distinct Treatments offered do not require NRCS Technical Assistance

Contract Holder Certifies after the practice is installed or completed

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Strategy Highlights



## Questions to Consider

- What limitations do you see that we don't see?
- What can be done to overcome those limitations?
- Which incentives would fit better in your state?

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Questions to Consider





## 2007 Intensity Practice

### ○ Feed Management

**Purpose:** Reduce the quantity of nutrients, especially nitrogen and phosphorus excreted in manure by minimizing the over-feeding of these and other nutrients

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2007 Intensity Practice



# EQIP Contracts for Feed Mgt.

Existing and Completed Contracts with:

CNMP's

Waste Utilization

Nutrient Mgt - Livestock Related

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EQIP Contracts for Feed Mgt.



## 2007 Intensity Practice

### Drainage Water Management/Structure for Water Control

Purpose: Reduce total nitrate load being delivered to surface water from drain tile by installing a structure to vary the depth of the drainage outlet

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2007 Intensity Practice



# EQIP Contracts for Drainage Water Management

Existing and Completed Contracts with:

- CNMP's
- Nutrient Management
- Waste Utilization

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EQIP Contracts for Drainage Water Management



# 2007 Intensity Practice

## Irrigation Water Management Enhancement

**Purpose:** Decrease water use, decrease deep percolation and or/runoff and increase fuel efficiency of irrigation systems on irrigated cropland

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2007 Intensity Practice





## Irrigation Water Mgt. Enhancement

Installation of automatic pumping status devices that utilize cell phone, pager, or e-mail technology

Use of pumping plant evaluation

Use of irrigation scheduling to minimize runoff and deep percolation

Install flow meters

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Irrigation Water Mgt. Enhancement



# EQIP Contracts for Irrigation Water Management

Existing and Completed Contracts with:

- Irrigation Water Management

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EQIP Contracts for Irrigation Water Management



# 2007 Intensity Practice

## Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plans

Purpose: Add CNMP's to livestock related contracts that did not require a CNMP prior to the 2002 Farm Bill

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2007 Intensity Practice



# EQIP Contracts for CNMP

Existing and Completed Livestock  
Related Contracts with:

- Nutrient Management
- Waste Utilization
- Waste Storage Facility

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EQIP Contracts for CNMP



## 2007 Intensity Practice

Nutrient Management - Guided Fall Stalk  
Testing with Aerial Imagery and GPS

Purpose: Match the nitrogen applications  
more closely to the nitrate availability of  
the crop

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2007 Intensity Practice





## Nutrient Management - Guided Fall Stalk Testing with Aerial Imagery and GPS

Conservation Innovation Grant in Iowa with the Iowa Soybean Association and Environmental Defense

Guided stalk nitrate sampling is a method used to determine where to collect multiple samples to evaluate a field. Combining the power of remote sensing with soil survey makes it possible to find differences in the field that are likely to change the N availability of the corn crop

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Nutrient Management - Guided Fall Stalk Testing with Aerial Imagery and GPS



# EQIP Contracts for Guided Fall Stalk Testing

Existing and Completed Contracts with:

Nutrient Management

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EQIP Contracts for Guided Fall Stalk Testing



## 07 Management Intensity Practices

- Feed Management

- Drainage Water Management/Structure for Water Control

- Irrigation Water Management Enhancement

- Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plans

- Nutrient Management - Guided Fall Stalk Testing with Aerial Imagery and GPS

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07 Management Intensity Practices



## EQIP Management Intensity Pilot Project Summary

- Practices offered to states on a *as requested* basis
- Practices are streamlined
- Practices can be added to completed and existing contracts
- States cannot modify the practice parameters
- Practices are within the scope of the original contract
- No ranking or *re-ranking* is required

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EQIP Management Intensity Pilot Project Summary



## EQIP Management Intensity Pilot Project Summary

- No Technical Assistance is required
- There is a need for Public and Private sector to champion the practice
- Producer certifies practices

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EQIP Management Intensity Pilot Project Summary





# Questions and Feed Back

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Questions and Feed Back



# Questions and Answers

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